areas with the demand centres by establishing storage capacities and packaging stations in different parts of the country. It is also planned to develop an economical system for movement of oil and oilseeds from surplus to deficit areas. These measures will significantly help to ease the present pressures on edible oil availability and prices.

तिलहन उत्पादन-कार्यक्रम

*126. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कई राज्य सरकारों ने तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता की मांग की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा उन राज्यों को समय पर अच्छी किस्म के बीज उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या प्रबंध किए गए हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार, राज्य सरकारों को आदानों की नियमित सप्लाई सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कानून बनाने का भी विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री बलराम जाखड़) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम भारत सरकार तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा 18 महत्वपूर्ण तिलहन उत्पादक राज्यों में लागू किया जा रहा है । अच्छी क्वालिटी के बीजों का उत्पादन और वितरण इस कार्यक्रम का एक महत्वपूर्ण अंग है ।

बीजों का अवस्थावार उत्पादन विभिन्न एजेंसियों द्वारा आयोजित किया जा रहा है । प्रजनक बीज का उत्पादन भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् की प्रणाली की मदद से किया जा रहा है । आधारी बीज का उत्पादन राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम, भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम, राज्य बीज निगम तथा राज्य के कृषि विभागों द्वारा अपने फार्मों में किया जाता है। प्रमाणित बीज का उत्पादन राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम, भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम और राज्य बीज निगमों द्वारा आयोजित किया जाता है ।

अच्छी क्वालिटी के बीज की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उसकी आवश्यकता की समीक्षा राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के साथ हर खरीफ तथा रबी मौसम से पहले कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित क्षेत्रीय सम्मेलनों में की जाती है। इन सम्मेलनों में राज्यीय एजेंसियों, राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम तथा भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम के कार्यकलापों में ताल मेल बैठाया जाता है । राज्यों को अपने निश्चित मांग पत्र काफी अग्रिम रूप से राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम और भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम को प्रस्तुत करने होते हैं ताकि वे राज्यीय एजेंसियों के कार्यक्रमों को पर्याप्त रूप से पूरा कर लें ।

(ग) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव लम्बित नहीं है ।

Irrigation Projects

*127. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RANJIT SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 264 irrigation projects which were proposed to be constructed during the Seventh Five Year Plan period only 50 per cent of the projects could be completed during that period;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative what is the exact number of irrigation projects which have been completed so far;

(c) what was the targetted irrigation potential for generation during this period and what was the actual achievement; and

(d) what was the percentage of irrigation potential utilised during the last year of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) During the VII Plan 18 major and 151 medium projects have been completed.

(c) A potential of 12.9 million ha. was targetted for the Seventh plan period against which the achievement has been 12.21 million hectares.

(d) The percentage of utilisation of potential created has been about 88.5.

Declaration of river valley schemes as "National Projects"

*129. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to declare certain river valley schemes as National Projects to be financed by the Central Government and implemented by the States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any such scheme is likely to be declared as a National Project in Bihar; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) For the expeditious completion of certain important ongoing river valley projects in the country there has been a proposal to categories such projects as national projects and to provide special Central assistance for their early completion. It has been estimated that about Rs. 750 crores would be required during the VIII Plan period from the Central Plan for such projects.

In the projects proposed for such consideration, the inter-State projects, namely, Bansagar and Subernarekha projects in which the State of Bihar is involved and two other projects of Bihar namely, Western Kosi Canal and Bagmati Projects are included.

National Urban Transport Policy

*130. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to formulate a national urban transport policy in view of rapid urbanisation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government also propose to make elaborate change in the Urban Transport system; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (d) The direct responsibility of the Government of India in the area of urban transportation is limited to Union Territories without a Legislature. While proposals are under consideration for improving the urban transportation system in Delhi, there are no proposals, at present, for formulating a National Urban Transport Policy. Improvement in the Urban Transportation System has to be location specific depending on the character and head of each urban centre.

Plan for desilting of Dams

*131. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Plan for desilting the dams and rivers in the country to combat floods; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There is no such proposal at present as desilting of reservoirs is not considered an effective measures to control floods. No doubt some silting does take place in the space allocated in a re-